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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Research)

25X1A SUBJECT : Operation [] Briefings for [] Officials 25X6

25X1A REFERENCE : a. [] 2765, Dated 6 February 1963

25X1A b. [] 156, Dated 9 February 1963

c. Memo for DD/I from DAD/OSA, Dated 11 February 1963; Subject: "Requirement for Further Briefings of [] on Operation [] Product" [] 2213-63)

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25X1A 1. On the morning of 20 February I received a telephone call from [] Deputy Director, NPIC, referring to the general question of NPIC's role in preparing materials for the further briefing of [] requested by Reference c. which was responsive to cable traffic from [] on this subject and which also concerned implementation of the Special Group approved proposal to investigate [] base rights for Project IDEALIST. 25X6 25X6

25X1A 2. I was distressed to hear from [] that there has been allegedly no guidance on this subject received from anyone in the DD/I since my memorandum of 11 February. [] did indicate that since they were generally aware of the requirement they were gathering certain material together, but that in view of some of the subordinate questions involved, especially those identified in Reference b., NPIC felt unable to proceed further without detailed instructions from the DD/I. 25X1A

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3. It was statement that some of the requests contained in Reference b. would in his view not be able to be complied with much before the summer of 1963. On the other hand, a more or less straightforward request for materials could be put together in time to depart for before the end of the month. This matter assumes another urgent dimension by virtue of the fact that himself is scheduled to leave the Agency on 15 March for duty in the Panama Canal Zone.

4. I would like to urgently request that the Office of the Deputy Director (Intelligence) give prompt attention to this question so that the Agency approach to the on the subject of base rights for Project IDEALIST can be handled with maximum effectiveness.

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DAD/OSA:JACunningham, Jr. /mm

Reached Dr. Scoville who telephoned Mr. Cline and did not send the memorandum further. Returned for OSA files.